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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

冈 No additional fee is required.

Applicant hereby requests a ***-month extension of time to respond to the above office action.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL CLAIMS FEE	20	-	20	**	0	LG=\$18 SM=\$9	\$18	\$	0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE	1	-	3	***	. 0	LG=\$84 SM=\$42	\$84	\$	0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$280 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$140								\$	0
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A check in the amount of \$___ to cover the additional claims fee is enclosed.

A check in the amount of \$ to cover the ***-month extension of time fee is enclosed.

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Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims

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Respectfully submitted, MARTIN & FERRARO, LLP

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